

Hot Off the Press! 12/11/16



regeneration

“We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, . . . that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God. . .” – Psalm 78:4-7

College Hill Presbyterian Church, we have much to celebrate today! The leadership of this church asked each of us to prayerfully consider how we could prepare our house of worship for the next generations of ministry. You have responded generously and it is with much praise and thanksgiving that we can announce that our pledges have exceeded our goal of \$2.2 million!



For those of you who are still praying about your participation, it is not too late to be a part of the regeneration campaign. It is a 3-year campaign and some people have pledged to begin in year 2 or 3.

We thank you for your commitment to this church as we seek to be a multi-cultural church following after Jesus together! “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21

Practical Information

Now that the campaign is completed, here is how to fulfill your pledge!

- **Online** – Go to chpc.org and follow the GIVE NOW button. Then, choose “regeneration Campaign – Pledge”. It is easy to set up recurring payments according to your preferred installment plan.
- **Check** – If you are making your installments by check be sure to note “regeneration” on the memo line. If you include your pledge payment with your general giving, be sure to identify how to split the check!

Next Steps

We are excited to begin work on updating and upgrading our facilities, but want to be sure that we are excellent stewards of the resources that have been entrusted to us. We pledge to communicate our progress to the congregation frequently. A team is being formed who will coordinate the timing and execution of these projects.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES / SCHEDULE

Christmas Celebration
Sunday 12/18 - One Service at 10am

Christmas Eve
Saturday 12/24 - Two Services
5pm Interactive Family Service
8pm Candlelight Service

Christmas Service
Sunday 12/25 One Service at 10am
Feast of Love Dinner (free)
Christmas Day Noon - 2:00pm

New Year's Day
Sunday 1/1 One Service at 10am

Adult Spiritual Formation December Update

By William Custer

This morning, December 11, is the final Sunday of our three weeks of study on Christmas. Enrich your Christmas by joining one of the classes below at 10:10. Classes are in the Ministry Center Basement unless otherwise indicated.

- Men's Ministry – Ignite 33 'Authentic Manhood'** (Reprise) - Room A
- The Women of Christmas** - Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna – Room B
- The Purpose of Christmas** – A time for celebration, salvation, reconciliation – Room C
- Mary Had A Baby** - This Advent study is based on African American Spirituals – Club Room
- Parents of Young Children** - Ministry Center 2nd Floor
- Dealing with Holiday Stress** - Helpful tips for dealing with holiday stress - White House

On Sunday, December 18 and 25, and January 1 there will be no Adult Spiritual Formation classes during the 10:10 hour.

Sunday January 8, we will begin our winter series of classes described below. Most classes begin at 10:10, however notice that Financial Peace begins at 9:30 during the first worship service. Notice also that the Multiethnic Conversation is offered on Sunday mornings and on Monday evenings.

Financial Peace

Learn how to manage your finances, eliminate debt and save using materials from Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Class runs 9 weeks from January 8 thru March 5 and costs either \$99 or \$139 depending on resources people want. Class will require a minimum of 6 couples or 12 people taking the class in order to proceed. Led by Rob and Robin Bechtel from 9:30am to 11:00am.

Multiethnic Conversations

United In Jesus! Join the Spirit-filled interactions about ethnicity and race. We are committed to growing in healthy, unifying relationships. Multi-Ethnic Conversations will be our guide. We will be meeting on Sunday mornings or on Monday evenings. Invite your friends to come with you.

**When: Sunday mornings January 8 – February 26 at 10:10am OR
7pm – 8:30 on Mondays January 9,23,30; February 6, 13, 20, 27 & March 6**



Bible Study - 1 Peter

“In his great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope...” says the 3rd verse of 1 Peter. The apostle then spells out and develops the implications for us of our new birth, and then charts a course of amazing Christian living. Join us as we study this great epistle! Led by Scott Rice at 10:10am. Class size limited to 15.

Blessings of Jesus – The Beatitudes

This class looks at the Blessings Jesus describes and how we can live them fully. Many of us know the Beatitudes, but have we looked at the deeper meaning? We will explore Scriptures from the Old Testament that relate to this nugget on Kingdom living that is found within Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. No book is required, but weekly homework will be given to get the most from the study. Bring a notebook and a Bible. Based on the book, Set Apart by Jennifer Kennedy Dean who is director of the Praying Life Foundation. Led by Fran Kelley at 10:10am. Class size limited to 15.

The Prayer of Jabez

Based on the story in 1 Chronicles 4:10, Bruce Wilkinson's book helps readers discover how they can release God's power through prayer. The life of Jabez, one of the Bible's overlooked heroes of the faith, displays a boldness from which we can learn. Led by Matt Wilbur at 10:10am. Class size limited to 15.

Sacred Marriage

Your marriage is more than a sacred covenant with another person. It is a spiritual discipline designed to help you know God better, trust him more fully, and love him more deeply. Scores of books have been written that offer guidance for building the marriage of your dreams. But what if God's primary intent for your marriage isn't to make you happy. . . but holy? And what if your relationship isn't as much about you and your spouse as it is about you and God? Led by Jeanne Schneider at 10:10am (Class limited to 15).

Parents of Young Children

Led by Andrew Wells at 10:10am. Meeting in Parents Lounge – Ministry Center 2nd Floor.

Children & Youth Helpers in Worship

Children ages Kindergarten through third grade are invited to a Children's Worship service each week. Start off with your families in both the 9am and 11:15am service, then listen for the announcement dismissing the kids to their special service. Just before the sermon, children will be dismissed to their special study and worship time.

This week's helpers are:
9:00am Aniya W.
11:15am Sarah & Lowe L.

Next week's helpers are:
10:00am Joshua & Ian S. / Monica V.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent/Christmas Decor: Honor your loved ones by contributing to poinsettia plants and greens used during December. Donors and honorees will be listed in the Christmas Eve Bulletins. *Contact Sam Routzon by Dec. 19th. Ext. 1125 or sroutzon@chpc.org.*

Supper Club RESCHEDULED! Please note that the date for the December Supper Club has changed to Monday, 12/19. It will be the same program as announced last Sunday, with Jeff Holmes. So join the crowd Monday, December 19 in Fellowship Hall at 6pm. Price is \$10.00 at the door. Make your reservations with Sally Auble at 741-3125 before Thursday, December 15.

IF:Gathering's 2-day gathering each year brings together women from all over the world to humbly seek God and to equip them to better live out their callings. Registration and Date Reminder cards are in the Atrium. Join Us Feb. 3 at 5:30pm and Feb. 4 at 8:30am Registration in atrium or at the link on chpc.org

Jennie Allen (the founder of IF:) is coming to CHPC Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 6:30pm! There is a ticket purchase required. There will be a limited number of 'gifted' tickets available, please contact Missi K. (missiker-shner@gmail.com or 254-6908) if needed. Childcare will be available for this event for a nominal fee. The link for tickets is on chpc.org. You can also purchase tickets in-between services at the Woven Table.

Year End Giving - Timing matters! To be considered a 2016 contribution for tax purposes, your checks must be postmarked and dated before December 31, 2016 (if mailed). All other contributions including cash, must be received by December 31st. Remember, you can contribute online!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

MEGABLAST, CRASH, and Huddles meet tonight from 6-8pm! Kids in 4th-12th grade are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall for worship together, small groups, and games! Eat dinner before you come, but feel free to bring a snack to share!

Family Christmas Party next Sunday, 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall! Families with kids and youth of all ages are invited to come celebrate Christmas together with food, games, carols and more! Eat dinner before you come, but bring a snack or dessert to share!

5pm Family Christmas Eve Service Children and youth help lead this special service every year! If you or your children are interested in acting in a skit, playing/singing with the band, performing a musical solo, reading scripture, or leading in any other creative ways, please contact Robyn Hubbuch: rhubbuch@chpc.org today!

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Meet Me In The Air Celebrate Christmas with Friends of the Groom Theater Company, December 16 -18 at the Anderson Center Performing Arts Theater, 7859 Five Mile Rd., 45230. Take 30,000 watts and mix in the Lone Ranger, science fiction, a pinch of Jesus and a table full of sound effects. What do you get? WJCN--the wildest family-owned station from the Golden Age of Radio. Tickets available at 513-831-2859 or at www.friendsofthegroom.com.

SERVING IN WORSHIP & ARTS AT CHPC

Call for Orchestra Players Christmas is a wonderful time for a musician. We want to add an orchestra on Dec. 18 (Sunday morning), Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve, 8pm service) and Dec. 25 (Sunday, Christmas Day). If you can play on any or all of these services, please join us. We will be rehearsing on Monday evening, 7-8:30pm on Dec. 12 and possibly on the 19th. Bring your instrument and join in with the orchestra. If you have questions, you may call Michael Parker (513-312-9473) or email mparker@chpc.org., or talk at church. Let's join together to make Christmas a special season of enjoyable music.

Christmas Choir Members If you have wanted to sing with the Chancel Choir during the Christmas season - the season is upon us! The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings and you are welcome to come and sing. We will be rehearsing our Christmas music beginning this week. Rehearsal begins at 7pm and goes until 8:30pm. Come for any part of the rehearsal or the whole rehearsal. We will be singing each Sunday morning during Advent and also on Christmas Eve. You can pick and choose the services that work for you. Questions? Call or email Michael Parker at 513-312-9473 or mparker@chpc.org or talk at church.

SERVING AROUND THE WORLD

MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR OUR GLOBAL WORKERS: Please pick up an envelope from the Mission table on Main Street, add cash or check, and place in the offering any Sunday in December. Together we will purchase Amazon cards for each Global Worker to bless their Christmas week. Contact information will be available if you wish to greet individual workers personally. Gifts can also be given to the Finance office before Dec. 23. Donations are not tax deductible.

SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Looking for a "Doable" New Year's Resolution? We have 3 children at Pleasant Hill Academy who are in need of a tutor starting Tuesday January 10th, 2017. This would be a great way to test the waters with The Whiz Kids Tutoring Program for a few months to see if its something God may be calling you to. What a great way to make a difference in the life of a child! Tutoring is on Tuesdays from 5-6pm and ends in early April. Please call Chris Evans at 513-515-8082 or email at mevans3@cinci.rr.com with interest or questions.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Feast of Love Thanksgiving Dinner. We will need ham and desserts for Christmas. Sign-ups to donate or volunteer will be in the atrium until December 18th.

Christ's Community's Food Drive for Christmas As you leave today, be sure to get your grocery bag with the list of food we need for our Christmas boxes. Food will be sorted from Noon to 2pm on 12/18 at Consolation Baptist Church on Marlowe Ave. Boxes will be packed from 6pm-8pm on Monday, the 19th. The Christmas Program with distribution will be Tuesday, 12/20 at 10am. Our own Pastor Dennis Hall will be speaking. We also need new unwrapped gifts including gift cards, disposable diapers, and personal hygiene items for Santa's workshop no later than Sunday, 12/18. Please see Art Stattman for more information.

Prayer Page

"... without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers," Romans 1:9

CHPC Community

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Jennifer Albers	Gerald Albers
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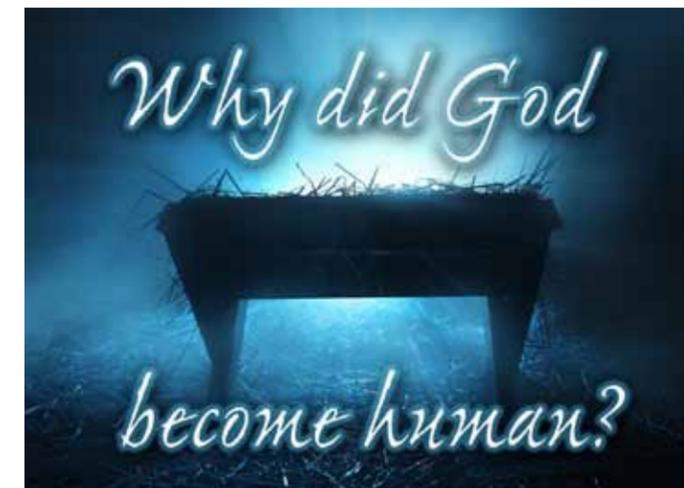
Global Workers

In the Military

Adam Steveley US Army	Chris Jaeger USMC
Cary Jaeger USMC	Kirk Kalmbacher US Coast Guard
Zach Scharf Army National Guard	Nyjoel Baker US Air Force
Danny Holian US Navy Pilot	Will Connor US Army
Gus Carpenter US Marines	Andrew Deiters US Marines
Peter & Amanda Leugers US Navy	

College/Career Students

Tori Hemsath	Jordan Kiefer-Burress
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December 11, 2016
Why Did God Become Human?
To Live
Preaching: Rev. Drew Smith

Welcome to College Hill Presbyterian Church

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Single, married, with children or not, there are many opportunities for knowing Christ, worshiping, personal growth and discipleship, service and ministry within the church and beyond the walls.

Visitors - Stop by the welcome table or the desk in the Atrium to find out more about College Hill Presbyterian. Return and become part of this dynamic Church Family.

Upcoming Services

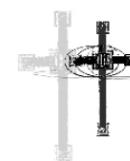
- Dec. 18** **Unified Service at 10am**
Why Did God Become Human?
To Glorify God
- Dec. 24** **Christmas Eve - 2 Services**
5pm Family Service &
8pm Candlelight Service
- Dec. 25** **Unified Service at 10am**
Why Did God Become Human? - To Love

Today's Order of Worship

- Prelude
- Call To Worship & Opening Prayer
- Songs of Praise
- Time of Confession & Forgiveness
- Passing the Peace
- Song of Response
- Scripture & Sermon
- Pastoral Prayer
- Offering / Closing Song
- Announcements
- Charge and Blessing
- Postlude

Available Help

Ushers have copies of the song lyrics for the 9am service. Ushers can also provide help with wheelchairs and equipment for hearing assistance. Handicapped accessible restrooms are located off the exit hallway to the right side of the main platform. This exit also leads to handicapped parking spaces.



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